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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of: )  
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Patent No.: 5,975,104 )  
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Issue Date: November 2, 1999 )  
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Application No.: 09/061,503 )  
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Filing Date: April 16, 1998 )  
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For: BALL VALVE SEAL )  
REPLACEMENT APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD )

**Mail Stop Petition**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**VIA EFS-WEB**

Commissioner:

**PETITION TO REVIVE LAPSED PATENT UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) AND TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c)**

The above-identified patent lapsed for failure to pay a maintenance fee on or before November 2, 2011 (the grace period due date for paying the maintenance fee due May 2, 2011). The delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional and without any deceptive intent.

Patentee became aware of the missed payment on July 30, 2012. Patentee takes this prompt and immediate action to prepare and file this Petition for the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office to revive the lapsed patent and to accept late payment of the unintentionally delayed maintenance fee payment. The delay in timely paying this maintenance fee up to the filing of this Petition was unintentional.

Patentee submits herewith via EFS-WEB payment of the third maintenance fee and surcharge for unintentional delay (small entity) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(f) and (i)(2) of \$4,005.00 (\$2,365.00 for the third maintenance fee (small entity) and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge for the unintentional delay in payment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(i)(2)).

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Petition and payment of the maintenance fee and surcharge, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any related fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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